IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended)

1. A plasmid containing a [p53as] cDNA sequence which encodes a protein designated p53as, said p53as being functionally equivalent to active p53 encoded with intron 10, said p53as being different than p53 within the final 50 carboxy terminal amino acids of p53 so as to inactivate a negative regulatory domain of p53 for p53 sequence specific DNA binding found within the last 50 amino acids at the p53 carboxy terminus and so as to provide an epitope within said p53as which gives rise to an antibody which is specific for p53as protein only.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

Claim 5 (Amended)

5. A viral vector containing [c p53as] cDNA sequence which encodes a protein designated p53as, said p53as being functionally equivalent to active p53 encoded with intron 10, said p53as being different than p53 within the final 50 carboxy terminal amino acids of p53 so as to inactivate a negative regulatory domain of p53 for p53 sequence specific DNA binding found within the last 50 amino acids at the p53 carboxy terminus and so as to provide an epitope within said p53as which gives rise to an antibody which is specific for p53as protein only.

Please cancel Claims 2 and 7

Please amend Claim 15 after "... SHSC" by inserting --, Sequence I.D. No. 1. --.

REMARKS

Group I, Claims 1 - 11 and 15 are elected without traverse.